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MERCURY THERMOSTAT COLLECTION GRANT AVAILABLE JUNE 9-19, 2008



Two (2) grants of up to \$24,800 are available through the Michigan Community Pollution Prevention Grant Program (Community P2 Grant Program) to administer expansion of mercury-containing thermostat recovery efforts through the Thermostat Recycling Corporation program. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) will provide grant funds to local health departments, regional planning agencies, and non-profit conservation organizations to facilitate the expansion of this thermostat recycling program. The goal of the Community P2 Grant Program is to promote P2 initiatives that foster partnerships and sustainability. The Community P2 Grant Program seeks to bring local government, businesses, planning agencies, and residents together to create change through P2.

NOTICE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE RULES CORRECTION POSTED ON INTERNET

Two existing waste codes for D030 2,4-Dinitrotoluene and P001 Warfarin were inadvertently omitted in the waste code tables in the hazardous waste administrative rules. Both of these waste codes are still regulated as a matter of state law as they were lawfully filed with the Office of the Great Seal. A corrected copy of the Part 111 administrative rules is posted on the Internet at www.deq.state.mi.us/documents/deq-wmd-hwp-Part111Rules00.pdf. These hazardous waste administrative rules were effective March 17, 2008.

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MBP3 - THE OPPORTUNITY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR

This is it. If you are not a participant or a member of our stewardship program or partnership, you're missing a golden opportunity to be proactive, help the environment, preserve our natural resources and save money at the same time. If these issues are important to you, then environmental stewardship is important to you. There are a variety of voluntary stewardship efforts ongoing within the state of Michigan. The Michigan Business Pollution Prevention Partnership (MBP3) is just one of the many efforts that can benefit from your membership. The most significant benefit to membership is the ability to network with nearly 400 like minded individuals, facilities and organizations. Did I mention that it's free?



What are you waiting for.....Christmas? There's a gift under the tree; all you have to do is open it and begin exploring the opportunities to collaborate with others to reduce YOUR impacts, minimize YOUR footprint, or just be more efficient. If you are already a member, encourage someone else to sign up, share your experiences with them, develop a network of your own or at the very least, spread the word.

A little history, for those of you new to pollution prevention (P2) partnerships, MBP3 is a voluntary program begun in 1997 that is open to all Michigan businesses, regardless of size, interested in initiating or expanding pollution prevention (P2) practices and receiving recognition for these efforts. MBP3 has experienced annual growth and expansion every year since its inception. Despite escalating competition, rising costs and other economic challenges, the realization has taken hold that both the environment and the bottom line benefit from pollution prevention activities. The partnership currently has 379 registered partners located in 132 different cities representing 49 counties.

As Michigan establishments are continually challenged to do more with less, it is particularly important that the MBP3 continues to expand its offering of services and information. The main benefit to involvement is access to the partnership's electronic network of companies and individuals representing virtually all business, environmental, and community sectors. This network provides for an increasingly broad and comprehensive body of knowledge that is available to all participants.

Based on a review of accomplishments and successes from MBP3 members, the partnership has reduced solid wastes by over a billion pounds and has conserved 100 million gallons of water. Facilities that were once large or small quantity generators are now conditionally exempt. Companies have eliminated their hazardous wastes, undertaken energy efficiency projects, conserved water, reduced wastewater, and made many other outstanding accomplishments. These companies have been able to succeed because of the cooperative nature and collaboration available to members of the Michigan Business Pollution Prevention Partnership.

For more information on initiating or expanding your pollution prevention programs, contact Jeff Spencer at 517-241-5719 or email spencerj3@michigan.gov. He will be happy to discuss how your facility can benefit from this valuable partnership.

For complete information on the MBP3 Program including Annual Reports, Registration and current partners listing, visit www.michigan.gov/deqp2partnerships, and then scroll down to MI Business P2 Partnership.

Recent additions to the partnership include:

A & D Plastics, Inc. (Plymouth)
Albion College (Albion)
Allied Waste Services (Canton)
ASMO Manufacturing, Inc. (Battle Creek)
Avon Automotive - Cadillac Division (Cadillac)
AwarenessIDEAS.com (Troy)
Brose North America (Auburn Hills)
Castlerock Cleaning Company (Alto)
Classic Computer Recovery, Inc. (Lansing)
Earth Smart Environmental Solutions, LLC (Saline)
Enabel, LLC (Traverse City)
Faurecia Interior Systems - Fraser Plant (Fraser)
Geum Services Inc. (Richland)
Grand Haven Board of Light & Power (Grand Haven)
Grand Traverse Conservation District (Traverse City)
Grupo Antolin Marlette (Marlette)
Grupo Antolin Michigan (Auburn Hills)
Grupo Antolin Wayne (Wayne)
Integrated Architecture (Grand Rapids)

Kalamazoo Nature Center (Kalamazoo)
Magna MPT Sterling Heights (Sterling Heights)
Meridian - Magnesium Products of America, Inc. (Eaton Rapids)
Michigan Biodiesel Consortium (Grand Rapids)
Michigan International Speedway (Brooklyn)
Michigan Pressure Washing (Waterford)
Midstates Recycling Services (Walled Lake)
Northern A-1 Services (Kalkaska)
Oetiker, Inc. (Marlette)
Paulstra - Cadillac (Cadillac)
Pilgrim Manor (Grand Rapids)
St. Mary's Cement, Inc. (Charlevoix)
Superior Watershed Partnership (Marquette)
Tech-Trans Unlimited Corporation (West Bloomfield)
Tesa Tape, Inc. (Sparta)
Tower Automotive - Plymouth Business Unit (Plymouth)
US Manufacturing Corporation (Warren)
Ventra Evart LLC (Evart)

TOXIC CHEMICAL RELEASE INVENTORY REPORTING FOR 2007 -

DEQ Requests Electronic Submission

The annual Toxic Chemical Release Inventory (TRI) reports for the 2007 report year are due on or before July 1, 2008. If your facility manufactures, processes, or otherwise uses listed toxic chemicals and meets the reporting requirements, you must submit a "Form R - Toxic Chemical Release Inventory Reporting Form." Reporting is required under Section 313 of the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986, also known as SARA Title III. Reports must be sent to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to the MDEQ SARA Title III Program.



Facilities should submit TRI reports electronically, either using the TRI-MEweb reporting tool or using the TRI-ME desktop version to submit through the Internet via the EPA Central Data Exchange (CDX). Internet submissions through TRI-MEweb and TRI-ME via the CDX are sent to both the EPA and the State and fulfill the dual reporting requirement. First-time reporters are an exception to this and should refer to the Instructions.

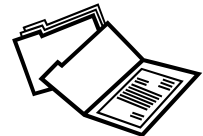
TRI-MEweb is an interactive web-based reporting tool that provides enhanced features for TRI reporting, including automatic creation of draft current year forms based on last year's forms, automated calculations, and streamlined data entry by removing form sections that are not applicable. TRI-MEweb also contains multiple reporting years. You can easily access information on the regulation and reporting requirements through links within the application as well as on-line video tutorials. Information on registering for TRI-MEweb is found at www.epa.gov/tri and for registering with CDX at <https://cdx.epa.gov>.

TRI-ME desktop reporting software is installed to your personal computer. The software will guide you through the reporting and submission process. The TRI-ME reporting software and Reporting Instructions are available for download from the EPA website at www.epa.gov/tri.

For information on specific criteria for reporting under TRI, contact the MDEQ SARA Title III Program at 517-373-8481 or by email to deq-ead-tri@michigan.gov, or the EPA TRI Information Center at 800-424-9346.

WASTEWATER REPORT DUE AUGUST 1, 2008

WHO MUST SUBMIT A WASTEWATER REPORT OR ABBREVIATED WASTEWATER REPORT? Part 31 of the NREPA, Section 3111 require that a report be filed by every person doing business within this state who either discharges wastewater to the waters of the state or to a sewer system. The term "person" as defined in the Rules excludes a municipal corporation, a government unit or an agency thereof, automotive service stations, laundromats, and car washes.



WHAT IS THE WASTEWATER REPORT? The Wastewater Report is an annual report. A person filing a Wastewater Report must provide the following information:

- Business contacts and affiliations.
- An estimate of the amount and type of wastewater discharges.
- An estimate of the amount of each critical material used in and incidental to the manufacturing processes for those critical materials that exceed the annual usage threshold.
- An estimate of the amount of each critical material discharged.
- An estimate of the amount of each critical material disposed of as waste product or by-product and transferred off-site for those critical materials that exceed the annual usage threshold.

WHAT IS THE ABBREVIATED WASTEWATER REPORT? The Abbreviated Wastewater Report is also designed as an annual report. However, at this time abbreviated filers are not required to

update their report every year unless the abbreviated conditions have changed. A person may file an abbreviated report instead of the Wastewater Report under the following conditions:

- The person does not use critical materials in or incidental to the manufacturing processes in excess of the annual usage threshold; and
- The person does not discharge critical materials other than discharges exempted pursuant to Part 9, Administrative Rule R.299.9006(3) or (4).

WHEN MUST THE REPORT BE SUBMITTED? A person required to submit a Wastewater Report, or an Abbreviated Wastewater Report must do so by August 1.

WHERE MUST THE REPORT BE SUBMITTED? Electronic reports can be submitted as an email attachment and sent to deg-ead-awr@michigan.gov.

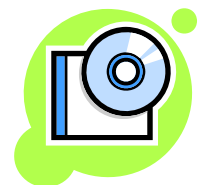
Electronic reports can now be downloaded from the AWR Web page at www.michigan.gov/degannualwastewater

PESTICIDE USE REGULATIONS AMENDED

Regulation 637 for pesticide use has been amended and became effective February 28, 2008. These regulations are overseen by the Michigan Department of Agriculture. Many of the amendments to the regulation simply clarify existing requirements. Some add additional elements or change requirements to implement policies or interpretations developed since the rule became effective in 1992. There are two significant amendments that affect the turf and ornamental lawn markers and integrated pest management/parental notification requirements. The turf and ornamental lawn marker requirements are now more restrictive and are intended to return markers to their original symbolism and will now restrict their use to pesticide applications only. Integrated pest management in schools and day care centers and parental notification of pesticide applications to school and day care center property requirements were moved into Act 451, Part 83, Pesticide Control in March 2005 and as such most of the provisions are being removed from the regulation to correct conflicts between the regulation and the parent act. Find a link to the revised regulations and frequently asked questions at www.michigan.gov/mda/0,1607,7-125--188276--,00.html.

ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS: MSU TURF EXPERTS ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS IN NEW 'LAWNCARE UNIVERSITY' DVD

EAST LANSING, Mich. -- The temperature is climbing and the snow has melted -- time to dust off the weed whacker, slip on some gardening gloves and usher in spring with a freshly manicured lawn. Before you start the mower, however, take a few notes from the lawn care experts at Michigan State University (MSU).



The MSU Turf Team, with funding support from Project GREEN, presents a new resource to answer many common lawn care questions: a DVD package called "Lawncare University."

The DVD includes 16 videotaped lessons presented by Ron Calhoun, MSU research specialist in crop and soil sciences, and Kevin Frank, MSU associate professor of crop and soil sciences. Topics are divided into spring, summer and fall turf tips, with an extra section on turfgrass pests.

Featured lesson topics include mowing, dealing with problem weeds, selecting turfgrass varieties, managing waterfront turf, soil testing, dealing with leaves, managing thatch and controlling white grubs (including European chafer) in your lawn. Other segments focus on spring cleanup, irrigation, renovation, fertilization, fall weed control and crabgrass.

Most video segments also have a complementary written bulletin available free for download at www.turf.msu.edu. The DVD package also includes a copy of the "I've Got Moles!" video. In the video, Calhoun and mole expert Brian Yost demonstrate the proper use of four simple traps to help rid a lawn of the destructive pests.

"I think homeowners are going to love the 'I've Got Moles!' segment," Calhoun said. "We get hundreds of calls every year about mole damage in yards, and video is the perfect medium to show someone proper trapping techniques."

Homeowners can purchase Lawncare University, DVD-300, from the MSU Extension bulletin office. Call (517) 353-6740 or visit <http://www.emdc.msue.msu.edu>.

Retail on-site point-of-purchase displays can be ordered through Pearson-Nicholson Associates by calling 800-909-4990 or sending an email to publisher@ndigital.net.

Project GREEN (Generating Research and Extension to meet Economic and Environmental Needs), Michigan's plant agriculture initiative at MSU, provided funding for the filming, editing and production of Lawncare University. Founded in 1997, Project GREEN is a cooperative effort between plant-based commodities and businesses together with the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station, MSU Extension and the Michigan Department of Agriculture to advance Michigan's economy through its plant-based agriculture.

To learn more about Michigan's plant agriculture initiative at MSU, visit www.green.msu.edu.

2008 CLEAN WATERSHEDS NEEDS SURVEY UNDERWAY

The 2008 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS) is currently underway and your help is needed. The CWNS is mandated by the Federal Clean Water Act and is conducted every four years. The current survey began in February of this year and will end February 27, 2009. The purpose of the CWNS is to assess the current and future (next 20 years) capital needs for wastewater systems throughout the country and the data is collected state by state.

Please note that information garnered for the survey is not used for any compliance or enforcement purposes. Also, participation and documentation of specific needs does not guarantee any federal or state dollars to address the identified needs. By documenting as many needs as possible however, lawmakers can have a more accurate picture of how much the State of Michigan needs vs.

other states. Identifying and documenting needs can also be useful for current and future wastewater infrastructure planning within your respective communities.

For a need to be documented in the survey, both the need itself and the cost to address it must be documented. Commonly used and pre-approved documents to support needs estimates include capital improvement plans, facility plans, preliminary and final engineer's estimates, sewer system evaluations, long-term CSO control plans, non-governmental grant applications, total maximum daily loads, watershed-based plans, and municipal stormwater management plans. Some of these documents can provide evidence of both needs and costs while others provide either the needs or the costs. In the upcoming months, the DEQ will be trying to contact as many facilities with known needs as possible. If you are contacted, please provide the requested information/documentation knowing that it will be used solely for documentation purposes and that it should take a minimal amount of time. You will be providing a great service to the State.

For any questions or additional information regarding the CWNS please contact Michigan's CWNS Coordinator, Mark Conradi, at 517-373-3781 or email conradim@michigan.gov.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE CORNER:

What projects qualify under the new Small Dam Removal General Permit category?

Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), authorizes the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Land and Water Management Division (LWMD), to define types of regulated activities that would be expected to have only minor impacts and that can, therefore, be reviewed through a simplified permit application process. This general permit (GP) will allow the LWMD to evaluate applications for permits without public noticing, reducing review time and cost of the permit process for applicants proposing minor activities and the cost of administering the program, while protecting aquatic resources.

Compliance assistance staff are experienced department personnel in ESSD that specialize in another environmental program division. Staff provide one-on-one and referral assistance on calls received by the Environmental Assistance Center. If you have any environmental question on which you need assistance, call 1-800-662-9278.

Qualifying small dams are described in Part 301, Section 30105 (11). This section defines the following statutory conditions, all of which must be met to in order for the project to qualify under this GP:

- The height of the dam is less than two feet.
 - The impoundment from the dam covers less than two acres.
 - The dam does not serve as the first dam upstream from the Great Lakes or their connecting waterways.
 - The dam is not serving as a sea lamprey barrier.
 - There are no threatened or endangered species that have been identified in the area that will be impacted by the project.
 - There are no known areas of contaminated sediments in the area that will be impacted by the project.
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- The department has received written permission for the removal of the dam from all riparian property owners.

In obtaining permission from riparian owners, it is essential that the applicant include public transportation agencies with right-of-ways adjacent to the dam's impoundment. The Michigan Department of Transportation has indicated that the removal of dams can impact bridge crossings, and that drawdown can have impacts on structures in the stream channel.

In addition to the statutory conditions in Part 301, the GP limits the review of small dam removal projects based on the limitations of various other regulatory authorities as follows:

- Excavation and fill in wetlands is authorized for purposes of dam removal, stream channel establishment, and bank stabilization only, and must be minimized to the greatest extent possible. Impacts to wetlands from excavation and fill activities are limited to less than one-third of an acre.
- The dam removal is not associated with a federally designated wild and scenic river.
- If a dam removal also requires a permit under the Floodplain Regulatory Authority found in Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the NREPA, it must meet one of the minor categories.
- The dam removal cannot require a permit under Part 353, Sand Dunes Protection and Management, of the NREPA.

More information is available on the DEQ Web Site at www.michigan.gov/deqinlandlakes or by calling the Environmental Assistance Center at 1-800-662-9278.

NEW HYDROGEN STORAGE REGULATIONS

New rules regarding storage and handling of gaseous and liquefied hydrogen systems went into effect May 1, 2008. The rules, promulgated pursuant to the Fire Prevention Code, are the result of the cumulative efforts of the Department of Environmental Quality, local fire chiefs, industry experts, and other stakeholders and are the first of their kind in the nation.

These rules will apply to all gaseous and liquefied hydrogen storage systems and will regulate the storage and handling of hydrogen for industry and commercial operations. The DEQ hopes the rules form the basis for regulating and promoting the infrastructure necessary to support the expansion of fueling stations to accommodate hydrogen as an alternative fuel for the automotive industry.

A copy of these rules is available at www.michigan.gov/deqland, and click on "Storage Tanks," "Aboveground Storage Tanks," and under "Laws & Rules," click on "Gaseous & Liquefied Hydrogen Rules". Questions regarding these rules may be directed to the following DEQ Waste and Hazardous Materials Division, Storage Tank Unit staff: Marcia Poxson 517-373-3290 (email poxsonm@michigan.gov) or Andrea Zajac at 517-335-7294 (email zajaca@michigan.gov).

A hydrogen codes and standards conference is being planned for September 17, 2008 at the NextEnergy Center in Detroit. When available, the agenda and registration information will be posted at www.nextenergy.org.

EVENTS

JUNE 2008 - AUGUST 2008

MEECS (MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM

SUPPORT) TRAINING WORKSHOPS, Various Locations, Michigan. The

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is pleased to announce that

Michigan is among only a handful of states in creating its own environmental

education curriculum, known as the MEECS. This project is designed to provide students in grades

four through nine with an opportunity to learn about their environment through five different

curriculum units: Air Quality, Ecosystems & Biodiversity, Energy Resources, Land Use, and Water


Quality. Dates, times, and locations for the teacher training MEECS workshops is available on the

Web at www.michigan.gov/deq-meecs. Please check for updates on the MEECS Website, as more workshops continue to be scheduled.

Registration Fee: Low cost - varies by location.

Registration Information: Varies by location, see Web brochure.

Information Contact: Thomas Occhipinti, Executive Division, 517-373-2379, or email at occhipinti@michigan.gov.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Location</u>
6/23/08	Water	SVSU Regional Math/Science Center, Saginaw
6/24/08	Air	SVSU Regional Math/Science Center, Saginaw
8/12/08	Ecosystems	SVSU Regional Math/Science Center, Saginaw
8/13/08	Water	SVSU Regional Math/Science Center, Saginaw

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JUNE 25, SEPTEMBER 24, OCTOBER 22, NOVEMBER 26, DECEMBER 17

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

MONTHLY AIR PERMIT APPLICATION WORKSHOP FOR FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS,

Constitution Hall, Lansing, Michigan. For most first-time applicants, completing the Permit to

Install application is a daunting task. However, submitting a complete and timely application can be more manageable if you know what's expected. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

is offering this workshop designed to give information on how to submit a complete permit

application. Since this workshop is geared to first-time applicants, a significant portion of the

session is devoted to your specific application. Air Quality Division permit engineers will be available

to discuss your permit application with you one-on-one. To take full advantage of this time with the

permit engineer, it is recommended you bring detailed information about your project with you to

the session. This training is designed for first-time air permit applicants who need help completing

their permit application; however, those who have applied before and need a refresher are welcome

to attend as well. Online registration is available on the Web at www.michigan.gov/deqworkshops, click on "Upcoming DEQ Workshops".

Registration Fee: \$25, which includes parking in the Ellis Parking Lot on the east side of Constitution Hall and training manual.

Information Contact: James Ostrowski, Environmental Science and Services Division, 517-241-8057, or email at ostrowskij2@michigan.gov.

Registration Information: Environmental Assistance Center, 800-662-9278, or email at deg-ead-env-assist@michigan.gov.

JUNE 2008

2008 MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CONFERENCE, Various Locations, Michigan. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is presenting this conference, which will offer four concurrent tracks with over 20 sessions on waste management, water and wastewater management, new facility construction or expansion, environmental emergencies, and more. All conference attendees will receive the brand new 5th Edition of the Michigan Manufacturers' Guide to Environmental, Health, and Safety Regulations. Registration will begin in March. Registration fee: \$100 includes refreshments, lunch, and workshop materials. A full brochure and online registration are available on the Web at www.michigan.gov/deqworkshops, click on "Upcoming DEQ Workshops."

Registration Information Contact: Environmental Assistance Center, 800-662-9278, or email at deq-ead-env-assist@michigan.gov.

Information Contact: Jim Ostrowski, Environmental Science and Services Division, 517-241-8057, or email at ostrowskij2@michigan.gov.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
6/12/08	Radisson, Kalamazoo
6/17/08	Laurel Manor, Livonia

JUNE 25, 2008

MICHIGAN JOINT EDUCATION CONFERENCE, Holt High School, Holt, Michigan. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is exhibiting a booth at this event to display the Michigan Environmental Education Curriculum Support (MEECS), the DEQ Internship Program, the DEQ Speakers Bureau, environmental education Web services, place-based education, as well as other environmental education initiatives to educators. The conference is hosted by the Michigan Council for Social Studies, the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the Michigan Science Teachers Association, the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning, and the Michigan Association of Middle School Educators.

Registration Information: Visit the Michigan Joint Education Conference Webpage at www.mijec.org.

Information Contact: Thomas Occhipinti, Executive Division, 517-373-2379, or email at occhipintit@michigan.gov.

JUNE 27-29, 2008

MICHIGAN ENERGY FAIR, Manistee County Fairgrounds, Onkama, Michigan. The Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association (GLREA) is presenting the 3rd Annual Michigan Energy Fair. This three-day event will unite people from throughout Michigan and the Great Lakes region to learn about energy issues and sustainable living. Attendees will have the opportunity to attend educational workshops; meet vendors offering valuable goods, services, and information; eat local food; and hear great live music. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will have an exhibit booth at this event. For more information, call 517-646-6269 or visit www.glrea.org.

<i>If you are interested in participating in the development of any Environmental Science and Services Division event, please call Mary Goodhall at 517-241-7968 or email at goodhallm@michigan.gov.</i>
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